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The East German government is considering extending the number of persons from whom ration cards were to be withheld far beyond the group of individuals mentioned in Neues Deutschland. It was allegedly planned to withhold ration cards from persons whose income is above a specific sum. The new regulation will probably not be made public but brought to the knowledge of those concerned by SED party officers charged with the distribution of ration cards.

Comment.

it appears possible that the very critical food situation in East Germany may force the East German Government drastically to restrict the distribution of ration cards.

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